

# Renowned Space Journalist Visits the Lewis Center!



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Andrew Chaikin talks to some of the Lewis Center staff at the school's Mission Control center. Chaikin visited the school to offer some motivation before the school participates in the LCROSS NASA program.

Andrew Chaikin, renowned space journalist and author of "A Man On The Moon" and "A Passion For Mars" (his newest book), visited and spoke at length with students at the Academy for Academic Excellence/Lewis Center for Educational Research on Wednesday, December 3.

Although his passion for space exploration began at a very early age, one of the stories he shared happened during his college days and working as a summer intern at Cal Tech where he worked on the Viking Project.

In his younger years, Andrew said he would read or watch any thing related to space, beginning with Walt Disney's 1959 classic "Tomorrowland: Disney in Space & Beyond". He even taped the television screen when, in 1969, the first men landed on the moon!

Andrew concluded his visit later that evening by speaking to the public in an event with the High Desert Astronomical Society (HiDAS). About 100 people gathered to listen to Andrew speak about Mars.

Andrew's book ("A Man On The Moon") was the basis for Tom Hanks HBO miniseries "From the Earth to the Moon" which aired several years ago.

To learn more about Andrew Chaikin, visit his website at [www.andrewchaikin.com](http://www.andrewchaikin.com).



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Andrew speaks to the AAE's student ambassadors during his tour of the school.

**"My mission is to inspire and educate about the wonders of the universe and the incredible adventure of space exploration." – Andrew Chaikin**

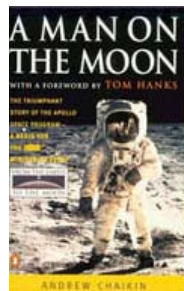


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Andrew speaks with students after his speech at an assembly at the Academy for Academic Excellence December 3.